

# Tarjumo language

**Tarjumo** is a Kanuri liturgical language of Nigeria. Also referred to as "Classical Kanembu," it is a modernized form of Old Kanembu from c. 1400 CE and is unintelligible with modern Kanembu or Kanuri.<sup>[3][4]</sup> The name derives from the Arabic verb *tarjama* (تَرْجُمَةً), meaning "to translate." It is primarily used by Muslim scholars for exegesis of the Qur'an (*tafsir*) and other Arabic texts.

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<b>Tarjumo</b>	
<b>Native to</b>	Nigeria
<b>Native speakers</b>	None <sup>[1]</sup> liturgical use only
<b>Language family</b>	Nilo-Saharan? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Saharan</li> <li>▪ Western</li> <li>▪ Kanuri</li> <li>▪ <b>Tarjumo</b></li> </ul>
<b>Early form</b>	Old Kanembu
<b>Language codes</b>	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	txj
<b>Glottolog</b>	tarj1235 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/tarj1235">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/tarj1235</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

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